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TAGS: MASS, SA

SUBJ: ASSISTANCE TO SAUDI ARABIA WITH IMPROVED
HAWK PROGRAM

REF: (A) JIDDA 3265; (B) STATE 153863; (C) JIDDA 3337;
(D) STATE 167240

1. DURING MEETING AUGUST 26 AMBASSADOR PRESENTED TO
MODA PRINCE SULTAN LETTER SETTING OUT POSSIBLE USG ROLE
RE IMPROVED HAWK, AND RESTATING OUR FAVORABLE OPINION OF
RAYTHEON. SULTAN READ LETTER WITH CARE AND REMARKED
HE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED USG AGREE TO PARTICIPATE ALONG
LINES "HIGHLY SATISFACTORY" PEACE HAWK F-5 PROJECT.
AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT SUCH USG INVOLVEMENT WOULD
BE CUMBERSOME, EXPENSIVE AND UNDOUBTEDLY REDUCE
PROGRAM'S MOMENTUM. MOREOVER, HE FELT SUCH COMPREHENSIVE
USG ROLE UNNECESSARY SINCE ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURES
FOR PROJECT WERE IN BEING AND HAWK PROGRAM ALREADY
ENJOYED CONSIDERABLE MOMENTUM AND SUCCESS.

2. RETURNING TO AMBASSADOR'S LETTER, SULTAN THEN
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ASKED WHAT WOULD BE APPROXIMATE COSTS OF DCAA CONTRACT

REVIEW IF SAG WERE TO ACCEPT OUR OFFER? HOW LONG DID AMBASSADOR BELIEVE CONTRACT REVIEW WOULD TAKE? HOW MANY EXPERTS REQUIRED? DRAWING UPON DEPARTMENT'S REF (D) AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT REVIEW CONTRACT PROPOSAL WOULD TAKE APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS AND THAT MOST OF WORK WOULD BE PERFORMED BY EXPERTS IN US. AS A GUESS, HE BELIEVED 8-10 AUDITORS MIGHT BE INVOLVED AND THAT COSTS FOR AUDIT MIGHT BE IN VICINITY SEVERAL HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS. SULTAN EMPHASIZED HE WISHED SOON TO CONCLUDE DELIBERATIONS REGARDING IMPROVED HAWK AND THEREFORE HOPED USG COULD PROVIDE HIM ASAP (A) WITH COST ESTIMATE FOR DCAA SERVICES PLUS (B) INFO NUMBER AUDITORS INVOLVED.

3. AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT EMBASSY HAD OBTAINED ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON AUDIT SERVICES PERFORMED BY DCAA AND WONDERED IF IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO PASS SUCH INFO TO MODA'S CONTRACT ADVISOR, LT. COL. MALIK. SULTAN AGREED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: ESTIMATE COST DCAA SERVICES PLUS NUMBER AUDITORS INVOLVED.
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